

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1372

By Hill

A RESOLUTION designating a bridge on State Route 353 in Washington County in honor of the late Richard "Rick" L. Edens, Sr.

WHEREAS, great accomplishments have occurred throughout the history of Tennessee that have caused the members of this General Assembly to name certain highways and bridges as a memorial to those outstanding public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Richard "Rick" L. Edens, Sr., who through hard work and diligence established himself as one of Washington County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edens was a person of high moral standards and unquestionable integrity, and he worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for his fellow residents of Washington County as a tireless civic leader; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a certain bridge on State Route 353 in the Telford community of Washington County should bear his name to permanently honor Mr. Edens' life of service and honor to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge between mile marker eight (8) and mile marker nine (9) on State Route 353 in the Telford community of Washington County is hereby designated the "Richard "Rick" L. Edens, Sr. Memorial Bridge" in tribute to a selfless public servant and true patriot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause 1 as the "Richard "Rick" L. Edens Sr. Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Washington County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Washington County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of Washington County receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.